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the Division of the Helmand River water between
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The Minister has the honor to forward to the Department of State copies of the original documents relating to the division of the Helmand River water between Iran and Afghanistan. These documents, provided by the Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, had been specifically requested by the Department in a telegram sent during October, 1947.

Because the next Legation pouch does not leave Kabul for possibly another ten days (the date is highly uncertain due to the irregularity of transportation in Pakistan for the Legation courier), this despatch with its accompanying documents is being carried to Washington by H. E. Mohamed Kabir Khan LUDIN, Afghan Minister of Public Works. He is leaving Kabul tomorrow and will travel by air to the United States.

The Legation does not have sufficient personnel to translate these documents within the necessary time. Accordingly, the documents are sent in the form in which they were received from the Afghan Foreign Office. It is requested that two copies of the translations be sent to the Legation, one for this office and one for the Office of the Military Attache.

Accompaniments:

1. Persian Text of Goldsmid Agreement of 1872.
2. Persian Text of McMahon's Arbitral Award, April 10, 1905.
3. English Text of McMahon's Arbitral Award, entitled "Arbitral Award on the Seistan Water question, dated the 10th April 1905".
4. Short Term Contract dated 11th Meson, 1316 (1936).
5. Contract dated 8th Jaddi, 1317 (1937).
6. Substance of General Goldsmid's arbitral award of 1872 on the Perso-Afghan dispute over Seistan and the Helmand water.

NOTE: Enclosures 1 to 5 inclusive were received by the Legation under cover of Foreign Office note No. 1142, October 19, 1947; enclosure 6 was received under cover of Foreign Office note No. 1173, October 23, 1947.

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